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TAGS: AORG EEC ILO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING WITH EC-9 ON ILO

REF: STATE 177374

1. AT MOMENT, GON SEES SEVERAL OBSTACLES IN WAY OF ARRANGING A MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SOHMS AND WITH VAN VLOTEN OF MFA AND FIND THAT THEY DO NOT RELISH IDEA OF ORGANIZING MEETING OUTSIDE GENEVA.

2. THEY BELIEVE EC-9 WOULD NOT AGREE TO A MEETING SIMPLY TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE EXPERIENCE OF GOVERNING BODY SESSION AND CONFERENCES. NINE WOULD WANT SPECIFIC DISCUSSION TOPICS OUTLINED BY US IN ADVANCE AND THEN WOULD NEED TIME TO FORMULATE AN EC POSITION ON ISSUES. SOHMS SAID THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES "THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE" FOR A MEETING IN

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FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER. IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE

BETTER TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA, PERHAPS BY
AUGMENTING GROUPS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS.
REALISTIC TIME WOULD BE LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER.

3. WE GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE MAY BE SOME UNHAPPINESS ON
PART MFA WITH IDEA OF "EXPERTS" GATHERING FROM WHICH DUTCH MFA
COULD BE EXCLUDED. SOHMS MAY AS RESULT BE ASSUMING LOW PROFILE.
ACCORDING TO SOHMS, HE DID NOT UNDERTAKE TO ORGANIZE MEETING,
BUT HE IS CONCERNED THAT DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
BELIEVE OTHERWISE. IN FACT, NO PRELIMINARY EXPLORATION OF A
POSSIBLE MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE.
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